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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CANADIAN ICCS ROLE

1. REQUEST YOU SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH FONOFF
(PRIOR TO CANADIAN MINISTER SHARP' S ARRIVAL MARCH 14) OUR
GREAT CONCERN ABOUT PENDING CANADIAN DECISION RESPECTING
CONTINUING PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS. SUGGEST YOU TAKE
THE FOLLOWING LINE.

2. THE GOJ IS OF COURSE AWARE OF THE STOPOVER MARCH 14-15
IN TOKYO OF CANADIAN MIN. EXT. AFF. SHARP, ON HIS WAY TO
VIET- NAM FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CEASE- FIRE PROSPECTS
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AND MORE SPECIFICALLY TO HELP DETERMINE CANADA' S FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS. WE ATTACH HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO A CONTINUING CANADIAN ROLE IN THIS PEACE- KEEPING MACHINERY. ALTHOUGH WE SHARE CANADA' S CONCERN ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED THUS FAR IN IMPLEMENTING THE JAN 27 AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS, ESPECIAL- LY THE CONTINUED FIGHTING, WE ARE REASONABLE CONFIDENT THAT THE INITIAL PROBING BY BOTH SIDES WILL GRADUALLY SUBSIDE AND THAT THE PARTIES WILL ABIDE MORE CLOSELY BY THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. WHILE THE ICCS HAS NOT YET BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT PEACE- KEEPING ACTIONS, WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED AND GRATIFIED BY THE PROGRESS IT HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE. WE KNOW THAT WHAT SUCCESSES THE COMMISSION HAS HAD ARE DUE IN GREAT MEASURE TO THE ENERGY AND INITIATIVE OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION, AND FEEL THAT A CANADIAN DECISION TO WITHDRAW WOULD VERY SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE THE WHOLE ICCS. WITH THE CANADIAN ROLE, WE STILL HAVE REASONABLE HOPES THAT THE ICCS CAN BECOME AN EFFECTIVE PEACE- KEEPING MECHANISM.

4. THE GOJ WILL OF COURSE HAVE ITS OWN VIEWS ON THE STATUS OF THE CEASE- FIRE AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ICCS AND THE CANADIAN ROLE THEREIN. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE GOJ HAS NOT PLAYED A DIRECT ROLE IN THE VIET- NAM PEACE- MAKING PROCESS, WE TRUST THAT THE GOJ IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TOWARD PEACE IN INDOCHINA. TO THIS END, WE THOUGHT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA MIGHT FIND OUR CURRENT VIEWS OF INTEREST AS BACKGROUND FOR HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH SHARP. ROGERS

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